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Annotations/programme of work

4 May 2009

Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Acting Chairperson of the Committee on Information.

Election of officers

At its organizational session in 1980, the Committee on Information reached an agreement according to which the principle of geographical rotation would be applied to all officers of the Committee, who would be elected for two-year terms. At the beginning of its thirty-first session, the Committee will elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve for the next two years.

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Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau of the Committee on Information.

Admission of new members

The Committee will consider requests for membership in the Committee on Information.

Statement by the Chairperson

The Chairperson will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information will address the Committee at its opening meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Department of Public Information and to report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolutions 63/100 A and B.

4-6 May 2008

General debate

Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: strategic communications services (A/AC.198/2009/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: news services (A/AC.198/2009/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Department of Public Information: outreach services (A/AC.198/2009/4)

7-12 May 2009[1]

Open-ended working group of the Committee on Information

The Secretariat will require a 48-hour period to process the draft report of the Committee in all official languages.

15 May 2009

Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session

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[1] 3 May 2009: commemoration of World Press Freedom Day. The General Assembly, by its decision 48/432 of 20 December 1993, declared 3 May World Press Freedom Day. The Department of Public Information will hold a panel discussion on 7 May to commemorate this event. This is not considered to be an official meeting of the Committee on Information.